

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical data recording medium includes a transparent substrate, a thin film layer formed on the
5 transparent substrate and a protective film which is mainly comprised of a resin and formed on the thin film layer for protecting the thin film layer. The thin film layer is a single layered or multilayered film including at least any one of a dielectric film, a recording film and a reflective film, and at
10 least either one of a linear expansion coefficient and a Young's modulus of the protective film is greater than that of the transparent substrate, the linear expansion coefficient of the protective film is greater than 7.0×10^{-5} (1/°C) and smaller than 5.0×10^{-4} (1/°C).